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### ***Fremont Receives Top Honors as “Kid Friendly” City Rated #4 out of 80 Large U.S. Cities***

**Fremont, CA** – June 22, 2004 – Fremont received an “A” and top marks in the Kid Friendly Cities Report Card 2004 for being a “kid friendly” city, according to Population Connection, a national grassroots population organization that educates young people and advocates progressive action to stabilize world population at a level that can be sustained by Earth's resources. Out of 80 large U.S. cities (in population size as reported for the year 2000 by the U.S. Census Bureau), Fremont ranked #4 and is the only California city in the Top 5.

The ratings are based on a complex formula. This formula considers several “indicators” of child welfare including population indicators, health indicators, education indicators, and community indicators. Fremont made the “Honor Roll” in the health and community categories of this report, which is published every two years.

Notable findings in the report card include:

- 88% of residents over age 25 have a high school diploma. This data comes from the U.S. Census Bureau for the year 2000. The education-level of a community often has a correlation to the well being of a community's children.

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- The rate of violent crimes per 100,000 people is 193 as estimated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2000 and reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. (Violent crime is defined as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.).
- A curbside recycling program exists in Fremont. Often times recycling is a child's first introduction to responsible environmental action and family participation.

Fremont offers many programs and services for families which contribute to a healthy and vibrant community. Families, individuals, activists and City officials will continue to work together to create a better community.

The Kid Friendly Report Card 2004 is available on the Population Connection website at [www.kidfriendlycities.org/2004](http://www.kidfriendlycities.org/2004).

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